## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method for keeping a copy of data, wherein a primary database server is coupled to a primary data store, wherein the primary database server receives database events from an external source and generates signals for accessing the primary data store, the method comprising

using the tracking process to store at least a portion of the received database events in an event log; and

using the event log to update a secondary data store.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising

excluding some of the events from being stored in the event log.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising wherein the step of excluding some of the events in the event log includes the substep of allowing a user to define which events are excluded.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the external source includes an application program.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the application program is part of a messaging network.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising

updating multiple secondary data stores.

7. (Canceled).

8. (Original) A method for maintaining copies of data, wherein an application program sends events to a database server, wherein the database server generates database transactions to modify a primary copy of data, the method comprising

storing a record of the events as an original event log; and

using the original event log to maintain multiple copies of the data.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising

transferring at least a portion of the record of events to multiple data sites, wherein each data site includes a data store, wherein each data store includes at least a portion of the data; and

using the transferred at least a portion of the record of events to update the data at the data stores.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein at least one data site receives events from two or more data sites.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein a secondary data site receives a series of events in an order different from the order of events in the original event log, the method comprising

using the received different-order events to update data at the secondary data site.